

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County)

Chairman: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2

The COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, June 9, 2003, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex-officio Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina and the Berkeley County Library, and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Chairman Spooner called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Spooner asked for the approval of minutes for the Committee on Community Services meeting held on May 12, 2003.

It was moved by Councilmember Pinckney and seconded by Councilmember Charles Davis to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Rozier recommended the Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county; or the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the County in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the County of a claim.

It was moved by Councilmember Pinckney and seconded by Councilmember Crosby for the Committee on Community Services to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee on Community Services went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney, reported the Committee on Community Services went into Executive Session to discuss matters as stated in the motion. No formal action was taken.

A. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Parks and Recreation Development Grant application on behalf of the Alvin Recreation League.

It was moved by Councilmember Steve Davis and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Ms. Collen Carney, Berkeley County Library Director, Re:

1. Approval to conduct feasibility study for capital improvement bond issue.

Ms. Carney addressed Council and requested that the County look into the feasibility for a bond issue to improve library services; there is a real need for capital improvement funds. The Board had a retreat, at which time they developed their strategic plan for the next five (5) years. The capital improvement bond issue would be used to establish branches in the Sangaree Community and Cainhoy/Daniel Island Area; expand the Goose Creek library; provide bookmobile service to the rural areas of Berkeley County and provide for furnishings and equipment for all of the above.

Mr. Rozier asked if Ms. Carney has the amount of bond issue she needed?

Ms. Carney stated at this time they are just presenting the concept to Council to see if they would like to use this approach. They see a need especially in the Sangaree Community. There are approximately 7500 people in that area. The branch would serve the residents of Tall Pines, Tramway, Carnes Cross Roads, College Park, etc. with a population of over 10,000.

Chairman Spooner stated a referendum would be needed to inform citizens of what it would cost to build and staff the proposed locations.

Councilmember Mims asked what the plans for the Moncks Corner branch were?

Ms. Carney explained they are waiting to find out what the County's plans are in regard to the Kmart building. If that is not a possibility then there is an opportunity to add a new location for Moncks Corner to the bond issue.

Mr. Rozier indicated the Council could have a referendum if they wished, but it is certainly not required in this case. As the Kmart building is being considered there is room in that building for a library.

Councilmember Crosby asked if the library would be pursuing grants or would everything be under a bond issue?

Ms. Carney explained that she could only get federal grant money for the bookmobile service, but there would not be grant money for building. In the past they had gotten federal money to purchase books. The state budget will be \$1.01 per capita this year; currently, it is \$1.17 per capita. Book monies continue to decrease; though currently, the library does not have any additional space for books.

This was accepted by the Committee for information, no action was taken.

2. Approval to apply for Library Services and Technology Act grant funds.

Ms. Carney asked permission from Council to apply for grants that would provide tuition assistance for one of her library staff members, and these particular funds are Federal funds. The employee is currently enrolled in the Masters of Library Science program at USC and has completed 12 credits. The grants cannot be given directly to the employee; they must come through the library. There would be no matching funds. Ms. Carney asked for approval to apply for the grant continuously until the employee completes her degree. There is a qualification that she must stay with the granting library for one (1) year after completing her degree. This would allow for another professional librarian in Berkeley County. This is at no cost to the County.

It was moved by Councilmember Pinckney and seconded by Councilmember Farley to approve the application for Library Services and Technology Act Grant funds. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

C. Review prior to Third Reading of Bill No. 03-22, an Ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 80-3-8 to modify requirements for appointments to the Berkeley County Aeronautics Commission.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Fish to send Bill No. 03-22 forward for Third Reading. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to adjourn the Committee on Community Services. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

July 14, 2003
Date Approved

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Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday June 9, 2003, in the Assembly Room, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., following meeting of the Committee on Planning and Development, the Committee on Justice and Public Safety and Public Hearings at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2003

A. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Parks and Recreation Development Grant application on behalf of the Alvin Recreation League.

B. Ms. Colleen Carney, Berkeley County Library Director, Re:

1. Approval to conduct feasibility study for capital improvement bond issue.
2. Approval to apply for Library Services and Technology Act grant funds.

C. Review prior to Third Reading of Bill No. 03-22, an Ordinance to amend Section I of Ordinance No. 80-3-8 to modify requirements for appointments to the Berkeley County Aeronautics Commission.

June 4, 2003
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council